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## WHY THIS HURRAH?

the Capitol as Suitable for its  
Purposes as our Courthouse

## DECLARES AN OCALA MAN

Now Why the People of that Section  
Should Oppose Capital Removal.

the Editor of the Banner:

All of us admire the hustler, whether it be the individual, town, county, State or nation; but to get and merit our full admiration the hustling must be done upon a common sense business basis.

We can admire the courage exhibited in the most harum-scarum wildcat enterprises imaginable, just as Mark Twain once said of the western tale buffalo that placed himself upon the railroad track to contest the right of way with the first locomotive he had ever seen. He, Twain, admired his courage, but censured his (d-d) judgment.

Since the Democratic State Convention met in Jacksonville and passed resolutions permitting the removal of the State Capital from its present site—Tallahassee—upon certain conditions, there has been a great deal of commotion, agitation and hustling by certain towns in favor of removing the Capital from Tallahassee and securing the seeming prize. Now, is this hip, hurrah, hustling done for the best business and financial interest of the State at large? I mean for the masses. I think not.

The press of the State is stirred from centre to circumference, but as yet the people outside of the towns interested are not the least bit agitated, and can't see just where they, individually or collectively, are going to be benefited by this masterly effort and scheme, set on foot by the politicians and jobbers, which will, if carried through, increase the taxation already overburdened, toiling masses. It is unnecessary, and would certainly be a costly job.

When I say this would be an unnecessary and costly job I speak advisedly.

A short time ago I visited our State Capitol building, and from my point of view, saw nothing wrong whatever with the building. It was well located, built upon the old style architecture, plain, substantial and strong. The halls were large and airy; executive rooms well furnished with comfortable soft-bottom chairs, sofas, etc. The halls, or legislative rooms, had all the comfort and conveniences that were in any way necessary for the latest, up-to-date business man to have. The offices have fire-proof safes and vaults in which to store all public documents. The only thing that is claimed to be needed about this building is a few more committee rooms. These committee rooms would be used, for only two months every two years.

The last Legislature had a bill up before it for some time authorizing the appropriation of funds for the purpose of adding the supposed necessary rooms and making any necessary repairs. This bill was voted down, by the influence and work of representatives such as Mr. Clark, who went to Tallahassee to work for the interest of corporations like Jacksonville, and not for the good of the laboring classes.

The least estimate that I have heard placed upon the cost to the State for the removal of the Capital one and one-fourth million of dollars. This is the conservative figures. The fact is none of the advocates of removal will mention the matter of cost of building, unless needed to do so. All will figure down to a fine point the cost of our legislators' railroad fare to Tallahassee once every two years—(a mere trifle)—but as to cost of building, etc., they are particularly chary.

They know that when the average tax-payer sees these figures he realizes that it will cost the State to build the new Capitol than the present indebtedness of the State, no vote will be gotten from a tax-payer, sanctioning and adding an additional amount of taxation upon himself. The same spirit of motives in the State are behind the removal of Capital that ever and prompts some foreman of our jury grand jury to demand a new court house as an actual necessity for Marion county.

Our present court house may stand, from time to time, some slight repairs, in way of roof painting, etc., probably does need a small safe

room in which to store our public records, but, in a general way, the building itself is adequate for all county purposes.

Our State Capitol building is in every way just as well suited for the State purposes as the court house is for our county uses. Both buildings are, with repairs mentioned above, good for at least fifty years yet.

Then, why, should the majority of tax-payers voluntarily shoulder an additional burden for the benefit of some other town in the State, in which they are in no way particularly interested? The majority of the tax-payers in the State would be affected adversely by the removal of the Capital, because, should the Capital be removed, only one place can get it. Say, for the sake of argument, that the lucky place be Ocala. How are the majority of the counties in the State to be benefited by this change to Ocala? Arguments that have been presented in favor of Ocala, such as healthfulness, saving of legislators' railroad fees, etc., have all been claimed by the other contesting points. Then what have nine-tenths of the tax-payers gained by the removal of the Capital to Ocala? Absolutely nothing. But, on the contrary, they have assumed an indebtedness that will take at least one generation to liquidate.

Now, bring this matter home to our Marion county people. Suppose Jacksonville or Gainesville should outbid Ocala for the Capital site, then what! Are we, as a people, benefited in any way?

Even if the place that might get the Capital would agree to pay the cost of removal in toto, should we take the Capital from Tallahassee?

This is no grudge or spite work.

Should neither of the competing points agree to assume the total cost of removal (and they will not) then we tax payers would certainly be out a good sized amount, that we would not be, if the Capital remains where it is.

Some conservative party who figured that the removal would cost only one and one-fourth million dollars, says we can pay this amount very easily in thirty years by collecting each year eighty thousand dollars from the "prosperous" State of Florida—forty thousand to be paid each year as interest and forty thousand to be used as a sinking fund to wipe out the original indebtedness. Our State now has a bonded indebtedness of not quite one and one-fourth million. This last year we were able to pay off State debts to the amount of about two hundred thousand dollars, and our State financiers consider this quite a feather in their caps.

Even supposing that we are able to keep up this same rate of annual payment of our indebtedness it will take us about eight years to be free of debts.

When the people of this county and State vote for the removal of the Capital from Tallahassee they will certainly vote for an extra taxation upon themselves.

They vote for interest bearing bonds that probably will not be paid during their lives.

The people of this county a short time ago very wisely gave a strong sentiment against the bonding of the county for the purpose of building good roads. In this road matter the people would be more directly interested, more of a personal matter, as they and their children would get a direct and immediate benefit. Yet, knowing these benefits were tangible, they declined to sanction the issuing of bonds for this purpose. Now, the people are asked to come forward next November and vote to bond themselves, to satisfy the false pride of some ambitious town.

Do you think the people are going to be so foolish? Nay, verily; not if the status of affairs can be shown to them in the proper light.

The press in the Southern and Eastern part of the State has been thus far misleading in this matter. It is leading the people to believe that the Democratic State Convention decided that there must be a change of the State Capital. This is not the fact. The Convention only made it possible to get the sentiment of the Democracy of the State in this matter by allowing the Democratic voters to express themselves next November in primary whether or not they wanted a change, and if so to what point. Tallahassee is to be voted on to retain the Capital as well as other places to get it.

Should any other place in the State secure more votes than Tallahassee it will then be the supposed duty of our next Legislature to submit a Constitutional amendment to the

## DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING.

Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Hon. W. S. Jennings, candidate for Governor, and Hon. S. M. Sparkman, candidate for Congressman from the Second Congressional District, will address the Democrats of Leon County. Every body is expected to turn out and give them a rousing reception. The ladies throughout the county are especially invited. There will be refreshments, served at 1 o'clock at the Armory of the Governor's Guards.

people of the State, permitting the change of Capital site from Tallahassee to the place recommended by primary. This November primary is to be confined to the Democratic party.

But if the Constitutional amendment is submitted it will be voted upon by all political parties at a general election.

So you see a Democratic primary might sanction removal of the Capital and yet the Constitutional amendment permitting such a change be rejected by the people at the general election.

The information that has thus far gone out to the people has been one-sided, as if to carry the measure through with a rush and hurrah, stampede the masses as it were, and let them run headlong into the meshes set for them.

If the Capitol building at Tallahassee had been burned or otherwise destroyed, making it necessary that the State should have another building somewhere, then I would sanction the effort made by the press of Marion county, with all the adjunct committees to have the building erected in Ocala.

But, as the matter now stands, are you just to the people of the State as a whole, or even to Marion county, in your advocacy of removal, without first explaining to the people that an additional taxation will be necessary in order to secure removal?

I was in hopes that our tax list sales would grow less and less each year, but in this removal of the Capital is unwittingly sanctioned by the State you may expect a gradual increase, rather than decrease, of tax delinquents from year to year. And who in the county is not already ashamed of our inability to meet our yearly tax demands, as shown by sales of property under the hammer?—E. L. Carney, in Ocala Banner.

### Another View.

Editor Tallahasseean—The white Democrats of Florida will be called on in November to express whether they prefer Tallahassee, Ocala, St. Augustine or Jacksonville as the Capital of Florida, and I do hope that for the welfare of the State of Florida and good of the Democratic party that Jacksonville will not be selected, for many good reasons.

Duval county—especially Jacksonville—is well known and noted for its factional rows, which have cost the State of Florida, in its Legislature, many thousands of dollars, and the Democratic conventions many hours of valuable time in trying to settle their factional differences. It is true that every now and then that these "factions" bury the hatchet, but leave the handle out of the ground and later on dig up a full grown axe. If Jacksonville is selected, the next move will be to amend the constitution so as to have the Legislature sit 120 days—110 days to make and unmake laws for Jacksonville and the other 10 days to be devoted to the balance of Florida, if Jacksonville is satisfied. Then they will build up a Tammany Hall, of which the spoils hunters of New York, under the same name, will sink into small insignificance in comparison. They will also try to run the State in debt for at least two millions of dollars, for which the next four or five generations will be taxed to pay, and all to please Jacksonville.

The present Capitol is one of the best buildings in Florida, and an expenditure of \$50,000 or less, in adding a wing for the Supreme Court would make it plenty large for the needs of Florida for the next 50 years. We can well afford to enlarge the present building, but not to build another one, and therefore, every man interested in Florida should vote for Tallahassee, for the race is between Tallahassee and Jacksonville.

APALACHICOLA DEMOCRAT.  
Apalachicola, Fla., Sept. 22.

### The Next Senate.

The Democrats of Florida have nominated their full complement of State Senators, and the State Senate of 1901, will be composed of the following Senators. The hold-over Senators are marked thus:\*

\*First District—E. B. McCaskill, of Nora, Santa Rosa county.

\*Second—J. Ed. O'Brien, of Pensacola, Escambia county.

Third—John Neal, Westville, Walton and Holmes.

\*Fourth—C. L. Wilson, Marianna, Jackson.

Fifth—W. C. Rouse, Ashmore, Wakulla, Liberty and Franklin.

\*Sixth—James E. Broome, Quincy, Gadsden.

Seventh—C. C. Wilson, Bartow, Polk.

\*Eighth—Fred T. Myers, Tallahassee, Leon.

Ninth—B. F. Kirk, Brooksville, Hernando, Pasco and Citrus.

\*Tenth—B. D. Wadsworth, Madison, Madison.

Eleventh—Thomas Palmer, Tampa Hillsborough.

\*Twelfth—Eugene C. Ottrell, Old Town, Taylor and Lafayette.

Thirteenth—E. M. Dimick, Palm Beach, Dade and Brevard.

\*Fourteenth—B. H. Palmer, Lake City, Columbia.

Fifteenth—J. B. Crews, Lake Butler, Bradford.

\*Sixteenth—A. T. Williams, Fernandina, Nassau.

Seventeenth—J. M. N. Peacock, Pinckney, Suwannee.

\*Eighteenth—C. B. Rogers, Jacksonville, Duval.

Nineteenth—C. A. Carson, Kissimmee, Osceola.

\*Twentieth—D. H. Baker, Orange Home, Marion and Sumter.

Twenty-first—N. A. Blitch, Phoenix, Levy.

\*Twenty-second—J. S. Denham, Monticello, Jefferson.

Twenty-third—P. W. Butler, Leesburg, Lake.

\*Twenty-fourth—W. Hunt Harris, Key West, Monroe and Lee.

Twenty-fifth—William Miller, Point Washington, Washington and Calhoun.

\*Twenty-sixth—E. S. Crill, Palatka, Putnam.

Twenty-seventh—J. W. Whidden, Arcadia, Manatee and DeSoto.

\*Twenty-eighth—Frank W. Lanes, New Smyrna, Volusia.

Twenty-ninth—C. Fabian Law, Green Cove Springs, Clay and Baker.

\*Thirtieth—Frank Adams, Jasper, Hamilton.

Thirty-first—W. A. MacWilliams, St. Augustine, St. Johns.

\*Thirty-second—H. H. McCreary, Gainesville, Alachua.

### Teachers Selected.

The School Board of this county has perfected arrangements for the opening of sixty-seven public free schools, twenty-nine white and thirty-eight colored. It is the intention of the board to operate seventy odd schools in the county, but teachers are lacking at present. Teachers have been selected to date for the following schools:

White—Leon Academy, H. W. Demilly, principal; J. F. Montgomery, Misses M. H. Randolph, C. M. Brevard, M. W. Cotten and Henni Chairs; Hale, Kate Bond; Harvey Leonora Williams; White Church, Clara Felkel; Maige, C. P. Dugger, Aeon, J. W. Pitman; Lake Jackson, A. E. Moore; Meridian, Samuel Hunter; Natural Bridge, M. Hamlin Strickland, Belle Brown; Oak Ridge, Gussis Henry; Manning, Grace Knapp; Spring Hill, Mattie Herring, Chairs, H. P. Woodberry; Friarson, Betty Mage; Munson Pond, O. I. Anderson; Oakdale, Julia C. Brown; Lake Bradford, Viny Masters; Pine Grove, Ola Page; Fisher Creek, Florence Howell; Luten, Ellen Aphorth; Bradfordville, M. B. Epps; Maxwell, B. F. Maxwell; Stroman, E. C. Epps; Millers, May Miller; Eastman, M. Stewart; Mabry, Ella Maxwell; Blue Spring, Clara Hartsfield; Campbell, D. Boatright.

Colored—Lincoln Academy, J. G. Riley, principal; J. H. Morgan, James Frazier, J. W. Davis, Irene Baker, M. C. Forbes and F. J. Johnson; Dawkins Pond; G. W. McGriff; Bellair, Christian Smith; Zoar, G. M. Norman; Mosely, A. J. Attaway; Woodville, Robert Patterson; Patton, E. S. Edwards; Ocklockonee, Amelia Berg; Tuskegee, H. T. Robinson; Centenary, H. G. Edwards; Lake Hall, L. W. Taylor; Johnson Branch, Charlotte Gardner; St. Peters, Laura Patterson; St. Marys, Lilla Hilliard; Lutterloh, Maggie Long; Roberts, J. H. Wester; Pleasant Grove, Hasty Jenkins; Green Pond, A. L. Sheppard; Lake McBride, R. A. McGriff; Kirksey, F. Baker; Poplar Springs, M. R. Baker; Macon, D. F. Knight, Tusawilla, M. A. Whitaker; Concord, J. H. Stroman; Spring Hill, Charlotte Cobb; Bells, Ella Johnson; Richardson, E. L. Ferrell; Jones, Matilda Duncan; Station One, Monroe Duncan; Shady Grove, Addie A. Jackson; Long Pond, Amanda Parish; Raney, E. T. Walls; Footman, G. N. Footman; Copeland, Emma J. Reed; Lafayette, Carrie Richardson; Barrow Hill, Alice Garrett; Shepard, Mary T. Carr; Mountain Head, Pinky Potsdammer.

### Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtis, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at any drug store. Only 50 cents and \$1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

### Opens Today.

The forty-fourth session of the Seminary West of the Suwannee river (the West Florida Seminary) opens today—that is the examinations commence today. The faculty is without doubt stronger than it has ever been, and the prospects for a successful year are very bright.

The new members of the faculty are: Miss Louise Miller, of Vassar College; Prof. D. A. P. Parham, of Johns Hopkins University; Prof. John C. Calhoun, of Washington and Lee University, and several European Universities; Prof. W. P. Long, of Vanderbilt University.

If any further evidence of the strength of the institution were necessary, it is sufficient to say that Prof. A. A. Murphy remains as president, and Prof. H. E. Bierley, of Chicago University, comes again to fill the place occupied by him at last session.

### Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George W. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle-working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by all druggists.

### Missionary Society Meeting.

There will be a public meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Methodist church.

The exercises will consist of a short address by the pastor. Also some papers will be read, and there will be recitations. The public are cordially invited to attend.

### Volcanic Eruptions

are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Bells, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Pile cure on earth. Dives out Pains and Aches. Only 25cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by all druggists.

### Died Suddenly.

Mr. Miller, who resided about two miles east of the city, died Saturday. He recently came here from the North and was a thrifty, prosperous farmer. A wife and one son is left to mourn his loss, and they have the sympathies of the whole community.

Have you a sense of fullness in the region of your stomach after eating? It so you will be benefited by using Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They also cure belching and sour stomach. They regulate the bowels too. Price, 25 cents. Sold by Wight & Bro.

## CLEWIS OPPOSES IT

Writes a Strong Reply to the  
Politicians

## WHO WILL PAY THE TAXES

Not the Political Stump Speakers but  
Those Who Own Realty.

Mr. A. C. Clewis, the President of the Tampa Abstract Company, and prominent in business circles throughout the entire State, has written a very strong and logical argument in favor of keeping the Capital at Tallahassee, which was published in the Tampa Daily Times. His views will have great weight upon this question, as he is well known throughout Florida. By reason of his broad experience in a large land business, he is in close touch with, and is intimate with, everything which will affect the interests of all land owners in Florida. His advice to them is worth money. He is not advancing ideas upon a subject of which he knows nothing, nor is he talking idly; but he feels that if the Capital is removed, and at the enormous increase of taxation which must necessarily be incurred, that the measure of damage to the farmers, the laborers, the merchants and the business men can hardly be calculated.

The following are the editorials of the Tampa Times upon this article. They are very complimentary of its good reasoning:

"A. C. Clewis contributes in today's issue of the times an interesting and timely article on the subject of Capital removal, which is now agitating the people of Florida. The Times believes that the arguments advanced by Mr. Clewis will be approved by a large majority of the people of South and West Florida.

"The article by A. C. Clewis opposing the removal of the State Capital from Tallahassee, which appeared in yesterday's issue of the Times, has excited much favorable comment. It is safe to claim that 75 per cent. of the people of this section are of the same mind."

### MR. CLEWIS' LETTER.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 14, 1900.—To the Editor of the Times—I have read the pamphlet of Jacksonville giving reasons why the Capital should be moved to that place; and also the speeches of a few politicians who advocate removal, and I now ask each tax-payer in Florida, have they convinced you, that it will be to your interest, and it will put money in your pocket, if you remove the Capital to Jacksonville?

If you are convinced, then vote for removal; but if you are not convinced, then vote for Tallahassee and against calling a Constitutional Convention; because you know absolutely that it will not take one single cent from your pocket if it remains at Tallahassee.

While a few politicians (and politicians only) are making such a vigorous effort to remove it, and are trying to convince the tax-payers (because we must decide it) that it will be to our interests to vote for removal, I think it will not be amiss for us to discuss this question among ourselves, without the advice of the politicians, and from our standpoint of interests. There are times when we know, as well, if not better than the politicians, what is for our good. I ask the farmers, the laborers, the merchants, and every other business man in Florida, to consider well, the consequences upon the interests of each other, in not only this section, but over the whole State, because we are all dependent upon one another.

I own property in Florida; and each and every year, never excepting a single and, I am compelled to pay my taxes, and if I fail a single time, my lands will be put up and sold. I have never thought my taxes too small; but always find them high enough. I do not care to see them increased, unless at the same time I can see, by reason of such increase, benefit to me (I do not mean to some one else). I suppose every tax-payer thinks as I do. But I do not expect this reasoning to be approved by the politicians, because as a general rule they own no property. They always say "Let's be progressive," although some one else must bear the expense. "Let's be progressive, and prosperity will come," not that it is already at hand, but that it will come in the future. These are their thoughts; but with us, we favor protecting our homes, our